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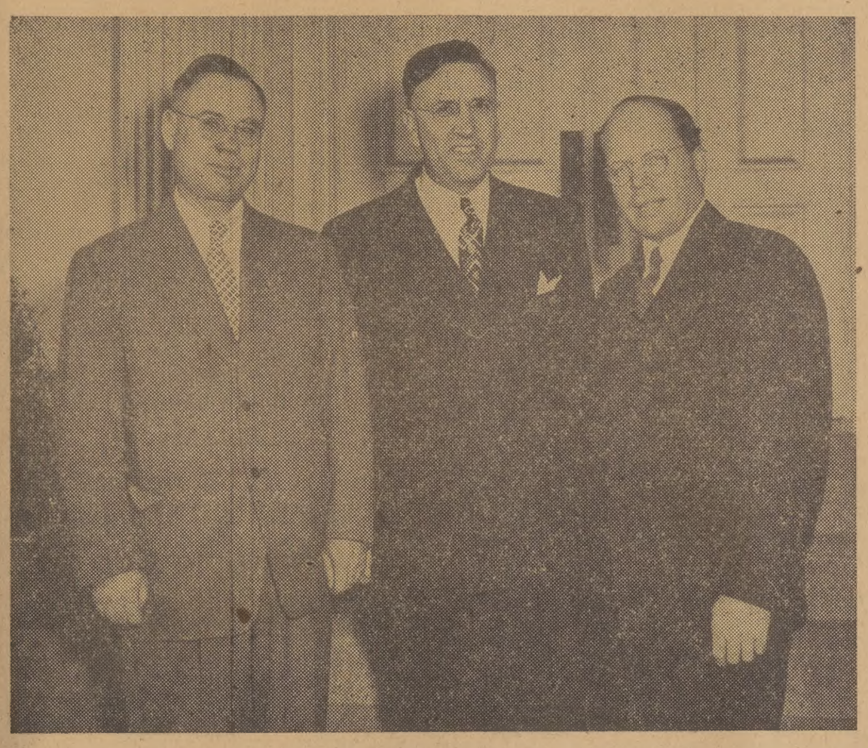

Left to right: Wayne E. Mayhew, W. Glenn Harmon, Emery R. Ranker.

The three men who comprise the Presidency of the newly organized Berkeley Stake bring to their positions a wealth of experience as Church workers and a humility of spirit that augurs well for the success of the Stake.

President W. Glenn Harmon has been active in Church affairs in this section since he came here to make his home in 1931. He is a native of Price, Utah and attended the public schools there. After seeing service in France during the first world war he read law in the office of an attorney in Price and passed the bar examination. Later he attended school at the B.Y.U. and graduated from the University of California with the class of 1925.

President Harmon's experience in Church work has been varied: in the Presidency in his Quorum of Seventy, and Stake Superintendent of the Y.M.M.I.A. in Carbon County; since coming to California, Y.M.M.I.A. Board, Stake Y.M.M.I.A. Superintendent, High Councilor of the Oakland Stake, and First Councilor to President Eugene Hilton, which position he held at the time of the division of the Oakland and Berkeley Stakes.

President Harmon married Wanda Boyack of Delta Utah in 1924 and they are the parents of five children.

First Councilor Wayne E. Mayhew spent his boyhood in Duchesne County and attended High School at Roosevelt. Later he went to the B.Y.U. His education was interupted for a term of service in the army during the first world war but he returned to the B.Y.U. and graduated in 1923.

President Mayhew became a Certified Public Accountant and established himself in Ogden, Utah. While living there he was a Counselor in the Sunday School Superintendency, a member of the Y.M.M.I.A. Superintendency, and a member of the Mount Ogden Stake High Council. He brought his family to Oakland in 1937 and three years later moved to Berkeley. He has been a member of the Oakland Stake High Council for the past seven years.

Second Counselor Emery R. Ranker is a native Californian. He was born at Greenville, Plumas County. While serving in the army in World War I he heard of "Mormonism" from "a sort of a Jack-Mormon". His interest was aroused to read and study for himself. After joining the Church in 1920 he experienced the spirit of gathering and determined to go to Utah. He already had his tuition paid at the University of California but went up to Logan and entered the Utah State Agricultural College. There he met and married Irene Thorley. From the A.C. he took both a B.S. and M.S. degree. He later was granted a Ph. D from Washington University and obtained his Doctor of Medicine degree at Northwestern University, Chicago.

President Ranker has been an active Church worker both in formal Church positions and in a quiet, personal way. At the time of the division of the Stake he was a member of the Oakland Stake High Council.

Oakland Stake Divided

At the Saturday Evening Leadership Meeting of the Stake Conference, October 12th, Elder Clifford E. Young, assistant to the Twelve Apostles, announced officially for the first time that the Oakland Stake was to be divided. The audience was prepared for this word. Fifty representative men of the stake had been interviewed by the two visiting authorities, Harold B. Lee and Elder Young. Elder Young stated that the idea of creating three stakes had been canvassed, but the fluctuation of population in the Vallejo region made it clear that this is inadvisable at present. An open forum was conducted at the meeting, and all were given the opportunity to express their feelings, and give advise as to the mode of the proposed division.

Two Possible Dividing Lines

A north-south dividing line had been favored by many, the line to run along Lake Shore Boulevard near the site of the Tabernacle Lot and thence north to the Sacramento River in such a way as to place Martinez and Pittsburg Wards and Walnut Creek with Dimond and the wards to the east of Dimond Ward in Oakland Stake, while Oakland Ward with Berkeley Ward and the wards to the north of Berkeley would be placed in the new Berkeley Stake. But Elder Young said that a sentiment had arisen for an east-west line running along the south borders of Claremont Ward, eastward in such a way as to leave Walnut Creek, Pittsburg and Martinez in the Berkeley Stake, while Oakland Ward would become part of the Oakland Stake. This east-west line was later adopted for the division.

Berkeley and Oakland Stakes' New Officers

At the afternoon session by unanimous vote the Oakland Stake was divided into the Oakland and the Berkeley Stakes.

The following six wards became part of the Oakland Stake: Oakland, Dimond, Alameda, Maxwell Park, Elmhurst, and Hayward, while Berkeley Stake comprises: Claremont, Berkeley, East Richmond, Richmond, Martinez, Pittsburg, Vallejo and Napa Wards. The population of Oakland Stake was announced as 4,251 and that of Berkeley Stake as 4,795.

The Stake presidencies of the two stakes were sustained as follows: Oakland Stake, President, Eugene Hilton, with Delbert F. Wright and Angus H. Norberg as Counselors; and Paul J. Hallman as Clerk; Berkeley Stake, President W. Glenn Harmon, with Wayne E. Mayhew and Emery R. Ranker as Counsellors, and Alma Glenn Spencer as Clerk. Sketches of the lives of these leaders will be found elsewhere in the Messenger.

Bishops Paine of Maxwell Park Ward and J. Rulon Doxey of Oakland Ward were released as Bishops and sustained as High Councillors in the Oakland Stake. Archie J. Inger of Hayward was also sustained as a member of that High Council. The new stake officers all expressed great humility in their new responsibilities. President Harmon was particularlly moved by the new call, and expressed appreciation for the devotion of his wife and her help in spite of not too good health.

The Messenger to Bind the Stakes Together

President Harmon stated that he hoped the stakes would remain as close to one another as possible, and said that the Messenger would now be one of the means to bind the two stakes together.

New Oakland Stake Presidency

Left to right: Angus H. Norberg, Eugene Hilton, Delbert F. Wright.

President Eugene Hilton is 57 years of age. He spent his youth in the Delta-Hinkeley region of southern Utah. He obtained an A. B. degree from the Brigham Young University and a Master's degree from the University of Utah. While in the Eastern States mission he met Ruth N. Savage, a fellow missionary from Snowflake, Ariz. This meeting occurred in Philadelphia. They were married in the St. George Temple.

After presinding over Gila College in Arizona, Brother Hilton came to the Bay area in 1928 to study for a doctor's degree at the University of California. He holds the Doctor of Education. For a number of years he was supervisor of social studied of the Oakland Public Schools. At the present time he is principal of the Emerson School in Oakland.

Shortly after arriving in the Bay area, Brother Hilton became Stake Sunday School Superintendent. He soon became a member of the High Council which position he held for approximately one year after which he became a counselor to Stake President, W. Aird Mcdonald, November, 1930. In April, 1937, he became Stake President.

Among other notable achievements is his fine family of seven sons (five of whom were in the service) and a daughter. He is the author of the prize-winning book, "Problems and Values of Today", published in 1938 by Little, Brown and Company.

Delbert F. Wright, First Counselor, was born in Ogden, Utah in 1901. When in his twenties he came to Oakland to work for General Mills. He is a graduate of Weber College. At present he is Comptroller, Sperry Flour Company Western Division of General Mills. He has been a member of the Stake presidency for five years, befor ewhich he was a member of the High Council and a member of the Elmhurst Ward Bishropic under Bishop Horace McFarland.

He met his wife, Gertrude, at Weber College. His spare time is devoted to his church and family, and on rare occasions hunting ducks and pheasants. His two sons served in the air corp and one is now attending the B.Y.U. A daughter attends Fremont High School.

Angus H. Norberg, second counselor, was born in the same place and in the same year as President Wright—Ogden, Utah, 1901. His childhood was spent in Taylorsville near Salt Lake City. He has lived in Oakland since 1937. His education includes an A. B. and post graduate work in Cost Accounting at the University of Utah. He served as chief accountant with one of the Farm Credit Administrative agencies here in Oakland and is presently employed as Comptroller for the Claude T. Lindsay Construction Corp. For five years Brother Norberg was Bishop of Oakland Ward. He served two years on the High Council before becoming Stake Clerk, a position he held until his recent appointment to the Stake Presidency. Among his hobbies is photography.

President Norberg met his wife, Katherine, while both were active in the M.I.A. of Forestdale Ward in Salt Lake City. Brother Norberg's father and mother were converted to the church in the old country, his father in Sweden and his mother in Scotland. The Norberg's have two children, a boy 14 and a girl 9.

Institute at Berkeley Dedicated Oct. 19

The Church News, Oct. 19 1946, carried pictures and the following dedication story.

"The fifteenth L.D.S. Institute was dedicated at Berkeley, California, October 14th by Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve Apostles in the presence of Church Commissioner of Education Franklin L. West, Director George Boyd and a large audience of University of California students and of local Church members.

"Located at 2368 LeConte St., one half block from the U.C. campus, the Institute is housed in a spacious mansion formerly owned by Phebe Hearst. Extensive and beautifully landscaped grounds give the large three story structure a commanding setting.

"'The Spirit shall be given you in the prayer of faith, and if ye receive not the Spirit ye shall not teach' was the test of Church teachers in every position in the Church, declared Elder Lee. The test of the success of a Church school lies in the answers of such questions as these: Do the graduates marry in the Temples of the Lord, do they pay a full tithes, are they clean and honorable in their lives, do they establish good homes and do they rear large God-fearing families.

"Elder Lee suggested for the L.D.S. student away from home at school the one sentence sermon he had heard President David O. McKay deliver to a departing serviceman: 'Live the Gospel as you have been taught it from your youth, and then listen to the promptings of the Spirit.'

Dr. Franklin L. West, Church Commissioner of Education declared that the aim of the Church system of Seminaries and Institutes was the building of faith and character in the lives of young Latter-day Saints. The Church spends a budget of $1,200,000 annually on these Church schools, and employs 350 instructors to teach oveer 35,000 young men and women of the

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Mesa Temple Excursion

The Oakland and Berkeley Stake Genealogical Societies are planning an excursion to the Arizona Temple from November 25th to November 30th and desire as many as possible to join the pilgrimage.

The trip promises to be a very enjoyable one and affords a marvelous opportunity for those who can go to serve in this great work.

There is a shortage of names for women at the Temples, so the stakes would appreciate receiving names that have been cleared and are ready for Temple work.

The fare for the round trip will be $36.34 including tax; lower berth $5.35 each way including tax and upper berth $4.00 each way, including tax. Accomodations at Mesa are being arranged and will be reasonable.

For further information write or call: William H. Evans, 4016 E. 15th St., Oakland. Phone Twinoaks 2128.

Interstake H.P. Party

Thursday, November 21 at 7:00 p. m. in the Berkeley Chapel the High Priests of both Berkeley and Oakland Stakes and their wives will meet in a dinner-program-social party. **Come everyone to this rejuvenation affair, guaranteed to take ten years from anyone's age.** It will be fun to watch to see whether a certain ex-Bishop of Maxwell Park Ward forgets his bib. Will he bring one also for President Mauss? We wonder.

Your Influence

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That to and fro did sway against the wall,
Our shadow selves, our influence, may fall
Where we ourselves can never be."

Quoted by Annette Wood, Stake Primary President, to encourage Primary and all church workers at Leadership meeting.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

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By GEORGE GALLUP
Director, American Institute of Public Opinion

PRINCETON, N.J., Dec. 22.—If parents think their children are far from perfect, they might pause as the New Year approaches for a look at themselves.

At least that course of action is indicated by results from a survey among young men between 15 and 18 years of age. Field reporters for the Institute asked the young men:

"If you were a parent, what one thing would you do differently than most parents do?"

The two largest single groups of replies deal with parental strictness. One group of lads would act a little more leniently toward their children. The other group, of identical size, would act a little more strictly.

HELP CHILDREN

Another sizable group declare they would work more with the children, try to understand their viewpoints, help them to make up their minds.

Many of these replies carry a note of serious plea from the teenage boys included in the survey. "I'd treat my children as adults; let them decide things for themselves. . . . I'd be more of a companion to my children."

In Fulton, Missouri, the son of a shoe factory worker declared, "I'd give my children proper sexual education instead of letting them find out about sex the wrong way."

MORE RELIGION

Other replies:

"I'd bring more religion into the home. . . . I'd let my son have the car more than some people I know. . . . I'd increase my son's allowance. . . . I'd stop opening up other people's mail. . . . I'd let my son take a part-time job if he wanted to earn some money. . . . I'd see that my son stayed in school and got a proper education. . . . I'd give the children more responsibility."

Only about two out of every 10 with whom reporters talked said they have no complaint, that they would do things just about the way their parents are now doing them. —Oakland Tribune., Dec. 23, 1945.

Hayward Ward News

November 6th was a red-letter day for an eager group of M-Men, date of the first basketball practice, the beginning of the first basketball season since 1941. Bill Webb, team manager, expects many good contests, and hopes to see the games played in Hayward, as to date, this Ward is the only one with an available gymnasium.

A new service is being offered to members of this Ward's Relief Society. Mrs. Arilla Price, experienced seamstress and stylist, is giving instructions in sewing, finishing and proper selection of clothing. The course, originally started as a service to the young women and matrons of the Ward, has eager followers among older homemakers, also. All are finding a new interest choosing clothes to compliment their own types and personalities.

Attendance has greatly increased since the start of the Fall season, according to Mrs. Margaret McClellan, new president of the Relief Society. Plans are under way for the annual pre-Christmas apron and toy bazaar.

"The Story of Christmas According to Scripture," is the name of the Cantata chosen by the choir for this year's presentation. It will feature two singing groups, the regular choir and a supplement chorus of children's voices. It requires the services of three readers. Production of this year's Cantata is the most difficult task the choir has assigned its members.

So Christianity Has Failed

A telling retort to the charge that Christianity has failed was made by a preacher in Hyde Park, London, one day. A shabbily dressed and dirty heckler shouted at the soap-box preacher,

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Vallejo Ward News

Under the sponsorship of the M.I.A. a large crowd enjoyed the first movie of the season, "King of Kings". The one act play, "The Travelers," excellentl ydirected by Doraly Harris, was presented Tuesday, October 29, and enjoyed by all. The Virgil Packers have gone to Ogden to lice, where he has entered the Weber College. Virgil has been our Senior Scout leader. The Ed Hollender family are rejoicing over their new son, who arrived October 26.

Relief Society Bazaar

November 22 at 7:00 p. m. the Relief Society will feature their Bazaar. There will be an outstanding booth featuring toys, handiwork, country store, home-made foods of Spanish and American types, and also a fiish pond. A lovely quilt will be sold. Anyone looking for Christmas buys will be wise to attend. Halloween costumes featured a recent Primary party. Fun prevailed throughout the afternoon with a fish pond, games, and refreshments. Prizes went to the best costumes.

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Solarium at New L.D.S. Institute of Religion

Solarium at new Institute of Religion at 2368 Le Conte Street, Berkeley, California, dedicated by Apostle Lee, October 14, 1946.

Dedication of Berkeley L.D.S. Institute, Oct. 14, 1946

Officiating at the dedication of the Institute of Religion, near the U.C. Campus, were (left to right) President J. Byron Barton, S.F. Stake; President Eugene Hilton, Oakland Stake; George T. Boyd, Director of Institute; Dr. Franklin L. West, Church Commissioner of Education; and Elder Harold B. Lee.

DEDICATE INSTITUTE AT BERKELEY

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Church, and has an investment of over $2,000,000 in buildings.

"Obedience" is the way to progress and salvation said Elder West, but obedience must be intelligent and thoughtful, rather than blind obedience. Education consists of something more than just learning. During the last few decades the U.S. has spent more on education to more people than in any period of its history, but at the same time the nation has seen more delinquency and crime than at any time since the founding fathers. We need reverence for life. We must know the Truth. The L.D.S. Institutes are sources of strength to its young people and also to the more than one thousand non-Mormon youths that come to study the Gospel with their L.D.S. friends in these places of learning, Elder West declared.

Director Boyd announced that there are about 275 LDS. students registered at the University of California now and that a good half are participating in the Institute activities, and that from 60 to 75 will be attending the Institute Sunday School, while 55 have enrolled for class instruction during the fall term.

Alameda Ward News

Sunday School Superintendent, Leo J. Crandall ,has announced a project to obtain money for the organ, the sale of magazines. Subscriptions to all periodicals are obtainable through the officers.

Lucille Schow has been sustained as the new Relief Society president. Erma Lane, the former president was released because of ill health. All other officers are being retained. Sister Schow, proudly stated that with the exception of one person all officers and teachers attended the Relief Society in San Francisco.

Dorothy Lane has been chosen as Manual Counselor replacing Lucille Schow.

"Jesus the Christ" has been chosen as subject material for discusssion at the Spingro Fireside meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fink (Evelyn Herrmann) who were married Oct. 20 have been honeymooning in Mexico and have returned to reside in Alemeda.

Helen Musser of Salt Lake City has been visiting in Alameda prior to her departure for the Hawaiian Mission. For three years, while serving as a Marine, Helen was a member of this ward.

Lucy Taylor Anderson and Helena Larson of Salt Lake City were honored guests at a luncheon given by Mrs. Charles Gustaveson Nov. 2. Sister Anderson is a member of the General Y.W.M.I.A. Presidency and Sister Larson is General Secretary.

TAKE FOOD ONLY ONE DAY A WEEK

"You have a spiritual self to feed just as you have a physical self to feed, and that spiritual self suffers from lack of food just as much as the physical self suffers," declared Harold B. Lee at the Stake Conference. "Think of a mother who would call her children one day a week and say to them, 'now fill your stomachs full. This wil be all you will get until this time next week.' Isn't that what we do when we neglect to feed our children spiritual food except once a week, and then leave that to the Sunday School teacher?"

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L. D. S. Seminaries Possible for California's High and Elementary Schools

Dr. Franklin L. West, Church Commissioner of Education decdared at the Stake Conference that according to law in California whereby pupils may be released for religious education one hour per week, it is possiblefor our L. D. S. to start seminary instructions where we have a chapel near to a high school or elementary school. He will be glad to have all such matters called to his attention.

Elder West was in the Bay area to participate in the dedication of the L.D.S. Institute ot Berkeley. He declared that about ten percent of the Church budget goes to support religious education in more than 100 seminaries near high schools, and our 15 institutes near colleges and universities.

George T. Boyd, director of the U.C. Institute, was introduced to the audience.

Girl's Mind Changed

Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve Apostles asked, "Why do I need the Ward Teachers in my home?" and told the story of a certain girl who was going to marry out of the Church. The good father was failling to influence her decision, and decided to go to the humble ward teacher for help, who came to the house as usual after prayer for divine guidance and talked to the family on temple marriage. Weeks passed. Then one evening the girl came to her father's bedside when she came home from an evening's pleasure, kneeled down and told her father that she knew he had been troubled over her marriage plans, but that she had now come to the decision not to marry until she could go to the temple and be sealed for eternity.

"Each of you must first look after the man behind the man in front of you", said Elder Lee, and each must seek the spirit of discernment in ward teaching.

Fall Is Here

By Eva Curtis

Fall is here in all her glory,
Dressed in gold and russet brown;
Breezes play around her merrily,
Throwing leaves about the town.

The fields and hills are a purple red,
Where the sun pours a radiant glow;
Little creatures hurry to make a bed,
Where they will dream when winter winds blow.

Yes, Fall is giving a festival gay,
Showing her grains and fruits so fair;
People are happy, and in their own way
Give thanks in song and prayer.

Dimond Ward News

Congressman Miller spoke at M.I.A. Tuesday, October 29, on his tour of the post-war world. His talk was interesting and informative.

The 247 Quorum of Seventies recently had a buffet dinner and party in Dimond Ward. Wives were invited and everyone had a good time. This quorum has recently assimilated the Seventies from Oakland ward and want to welcome the new Presidents, Carl Decker and Marvin Wright.

Jeanne Pingree Lauridson and Jack Bigler were married at the home of her parents Friday, Nov. 8 and are going through the Salt Lake Temple soon.

Sr. Rose Weiland has recently undergone a major operation. We all join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Young daughters were recently added to the homes of the Gail Craguns and Darrow McCarthys,

Relief Society meets at 10:00 A. M. on Tuesdays in the chapel.

The 3rd Quorum of Elders meet every Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the Dimond Bowl, Fruitvale Ave., for a session of bowling. Wives are invited.

Dimond Ward has organized a Junior Sunday School assisted by Charlotte Holdaway. It is to take care of children up to and including six years. Their own service sacrament and songs for children are held in the Relief Society rooms.

Sr. Melissa Callister, mother of Edna Torgerson and Leora Barber recently passed away, after a long illness. We extend our sympathy to her sorrowing family.

Subscribe to the Improvement Era. Let's fill our quota.

A recent visitor from Ogden was the brother of Flora Monahan on his first trip here in seven years.

Oakland Ward News

On Sunday, November 3rd, Bishop Rulon Doxey was released as bishop of the Oakland Ward, after over nine years in the Bishopric and four years as Bishop.

The Oakland Ward will miss his guidance and leadership, for he has always been a fine man, and a great friend to all. Bishop Doxey has been appointed to the new Oakland Stake High Council. The Oakland Ward gives him their prayers and blessings.

Brother Vinal G. Mauss is the new bishop with counselors Arthur Bliss, and Bro. Christensen. Bro. Mauss comes back to the Bishopric after an absence of a number of months. Everyone wishes him great success.

Brother William Banks, 1st counselor to Bishop Doxey, now finds himself a member of the New Berkeley Stake. The Oakland Ward is going to miss Brother Banks, and his wholehearted co-operation with the members of the ward.

The Oakland Ward had two marriages in the last month. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nickoletti (formerly Miss Bonnie Shields) were married at the Chapel of the Chimes on October 18th. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rich Jr. (formerly Miss Elaine Peterson) were married at the Chapel of the Chimes on the 7th of November.

News from "The Church News"

(Read all the Church news in The Church News Weekly while it is news, for $3.00 the 52 issues. Your Ward will benefit from handling your subscriptions.)

Sentiments heard at the great Relief Society Conference:

"There is not a man or woman on this earth who receives the spirit of the Gospel, but can testify to its truth," quoted from Brigham Young.

"Marriage is something to be taken seriously and in the House of the Lord," Leone O. Jacobs.

"All the presidents of the Church have pleaded with the people not to play cards, and yet reports came to us that our women gather together to play cards."—Apostle Joseph Fielding Smith.

"Eve came to build, to organize, through the power of the Father, the bodies of mortal men, to be a creator of bodies . . . so that the design and the great plan of life might meet fruitation."—President Clark.

General Conference Sermons

October 12 "Church News" gave pictures and conference addresses at the 117th Gen. Conference. The issue was enlarged to 20 pages. President George Albert Smith looks as fresh and alert as a young man. David O. McKay and J. Reuben Clark appear strong and vigorous.

Patriarch to the Church Released

Beloved Joseph F. Smith, Patriarch to the Church for four years was released at the Gen. Conference due to serious and extended illness.

"Exodus to Greatness" is a continuing story in each issue, paralleling month by month, the Utah Pioneers trek to "Deseret," one hundred years ago these very months during which we now rush about forgetful of our debt to this historic L.D.S. exodus. Preston Nibley tells the story week by week, with choice illustrations.

A PARABLE TO THE FRUITFUL VINE

An addres of Pres. J. Reuben Clark before the Sons Of the American Revolution warns against the inroads of communism in very strong words. J. Edgar Hoover echoed these warmups in S. F. Sept. 30. The spread of communism is the greatest danger threatening America today."

Maxwell Park News

Maxwell Park Ward is to have a new Bishopric. The new selection has not been announced and Bishop Paine and his counselors are still carrying on. Bishop Paine has been called to the Stake High Council. We wish him well in his new calling and assure him and Don J. Allphin and Perry G. Earl that they will be missed greatly, for the members of the Ward do appreciate and will long remember the splendid services they have rendered.

Bishop Paine extends his love and appreciation to the people of the Ward for the support given him and his counselors during their years of service as the presiding body of the ward.

The new Relief presidency is Beatrice Larsen, President, Bessie Craig and Naomi Cheney, Counselors. We wish to welcome the new presidency, and extend to Sister Earl and her associates a vote of thanks and appreciation for the splendid work they have done.

Our M.I.A. officers seem to have an inexhaustible supply of clever ideas. At the Hobo Party on Halloween everyone had fun.

The Special Interest Class has chosen an interesting course of study: "Better Homes, Better Parents, and Better Communities."

In pursuit of higher education are the following of our Ward: At the B.Y.U. is Dick Mower, at the University of California, Dean Mann. At San Francisco State are Glen Marchant, Howard Thomas and William Everett. Ruth William and Joyce Brisco are also at State this being their second year.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Olga Judson and Allen B. Barker in the Salt Lake Temple on October 30th.

On October 20th the Ward Chorus held a spagetti dinner at the home of Barbara and Wendel Martin.

We are proud of the part our Primary children contributed at the Stake entertainment when the play "Little Black Sambo" was presented.

Relief Society News

Highlights at the Oakland Stake Convention, October 29, contributed by General Board members, Vilma Simonsen and Anna B. Hart:

(1) Renewed faith in the great purposes of our work. (2) Monthly visits to very LDS home in the Stake is still our primary purpose. (3) On these visits we remember Eliza R. Snow's admonition—"Be teachers—all of you. Teach charity in its fullest sense, chastity, purity of thought, and economy."

Ward Conferences were held in all the wards Sunday, Nov. 3rd, attended in each ward by two Stake Board members carrying the theme, "Better Latter-day Saint homes in these confused times."

Geneolgical Exchange

Any L.D.S. in Northern California is invited to send genealogical questions and replies for printing in The Messenger's "Genealogical Exchange" to Minnie F. Ellsworth, No. 1 Kingsland Place, Oakland 2, Calif., who is good enough to serve as "Exchange Editor" for us. Her phone is KE. 2-5221. Send a stamped envelope. In answering give number of the query. This is very important.

Q-1. Stephen Sheffield, born in Rhode Island August 10, 1766; wife Rachel Annabell. What is her ancestry? Were they parents of Amos Sheffield born 1795 in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia? —H.S.N.

Q-2. Data concerning Elijah and Sarah Hunter living in Foster ,R. I. from about 1730-1790. Some children were: Elizabeth, Elisha, Daniel and Rachel, of whom, Elizabeth, born January 18, 1746, Providence, R. I., married Sission Cole. —T.L.B.

Q-3. Data of Frederick Snook whose will dated February 25, 1825, Ancram, Columbia County, New York names wife Charity and eight children. —L.P.D.

Q-4. Data of Thomas Jarvis whose estate was administered October 25, 1756, Marblehead, Essex County, Mass., naming his wife Hanna (or Anna) and four children. —L.P.D.

Q-5. Abiel Gray was born Jan. 26, 1714-15, Andover, Mass. His first wife, Zuviah died 1754 (age 39) at Tolland, Conn. His second wife, Lois, died 1786. His third wife was Lucy Fuller. What were the maiden names of first two wives? —L.P.D.

Q-6. In his will, dated January 14, 1790, Nathan Munroe, Carlisle, Mass. mentions wife's former husband. Nathan married Marcy Benjamin Nov. 23, 1738. In the Benjamin' geneology her maiden name appears "Benjamin" and with no mention of. a former marriage Was both her maiden and married name "Benjamin" before she married Nathan Munroe. Who was her first husband? —L.P.D.

Q 7. Charles Jefferson Hunt, born 22 Jan., 1804, Bracken, Lincoln County, Ky. was a captain in the Mormon Battalion. What were the names of his parents? —D.H.

A joint session of the Berkeley and Oakland Stake Executive officers recently held left each Stake determined to go forward with the great educational program and the new sewing budget. New mothers ond non-sewers are finding the new sewing classes a splendid opportunity. Come and join us!

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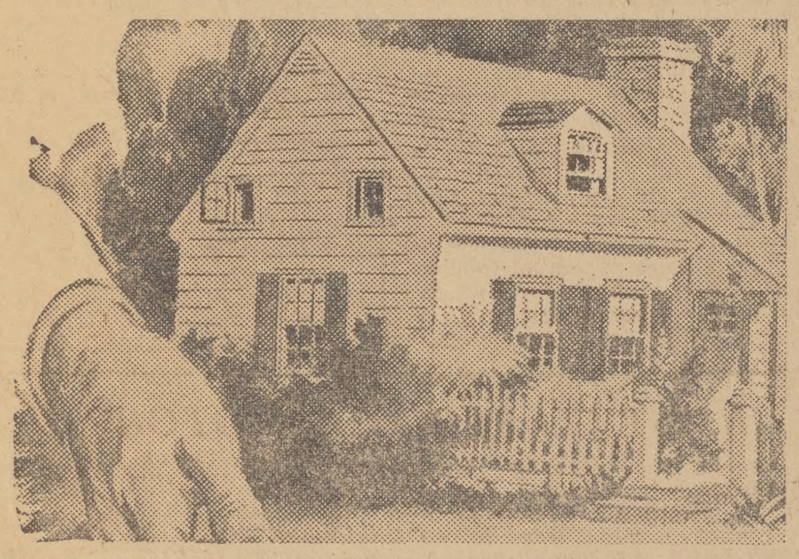

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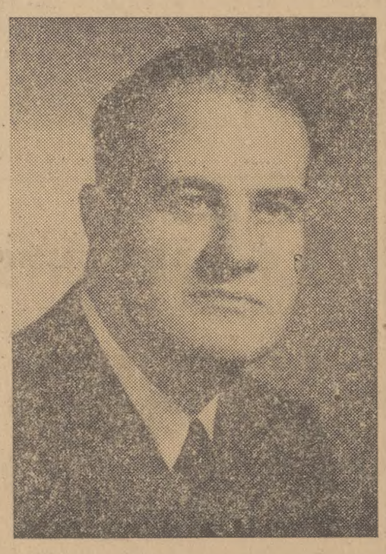

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Richmond Ward News

Isaac B. Ball and Verla Alexander gave very fine talks on Sunday evening, October 20. There is much interest in our "Fireside" Meetings. Pertinent subjects are chosen by the group. All take part in the discussions. Once each month Musical adds variety, and by holding meetings each Sunday in a different home in the ward.

We hope all homes will be visited during the year. On October 22, the Group sponsored a picnic and party at the Rod and Gun Club. Leroy and Reva Calapp of this Group are moving to Sacramento. We will miss them.

The 2nd Quorum of Elders held "Hard Times party", Oct. 18th t was an especially enjoyable vening.

The Primary is preparing an peretta, "Christmas With the Old Woman in the Shoe."

M.I.A. presented a Halloween arty Oct. 30. Prizes were awarded or the best costumes.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson H. Stoddrd celebrated their Golden Weddg Anniversary Oct. 5 and entertined at an Open House.

Bishop Morley, William Fuller, llise Picklesimer, and Essie Carn spent an evening at the Oakd Welfare Center canning toatoes.

The Relief Society was reorganed with May Bates as President, ldie Stoddard and Vilate Thomas Counselers. Nettie Stowers and icy Morley were released.

Troop 113 registered for the xt year with Del Carman as the outmaster, Bob Kersey having en released. George Stoddard, oop committee chairman is sisted by Leonard Harris, Judn Stoddard, Charles Saxton, Pet Gengler, and Marion Bledsoe.

The Mountains re Mine"

By Helen Hinckley

'It is the story of the humble tter-day Saints who lived their igion, and in my opinion it is best book of its sort that has peared." In these words of high ise, the New York Times begins eview of th elatest L.D.S. work fiction, published by the great v York publishing house, The nguard Press.

'The Mountains Are Mine'," review in the New York Times October 20, 1946 goes on to "Is a novel of Mormons, not Mormonism, and the distinction mportant. It is difficult to rel the Mormons with restraint. have written sympathetically hem without becoming mawkv sentimental. Fewer still have n able, even in fiction, to ren from judgment. Miss Hinckhas achieved restraint and symy, and she has permitted the acters of her excellent story resent the case.

Millie Allison was 12 years old 852, when the Apostle Orson t announced the doctrine of al marriage to be a 'part and ion of our faith.' The widowed Allison and her children, the sworth and their children, the ses—all the party which had ed the plains the year before d heard of that doctrine. Now s become official."

'he Mountains Are Mine" is vorking out of the simple yet dex lives of these common e in Utah. The Times cons its review (too long to rece in full in this issue of The enger) with this paragraph: hat is all. There is no tense a, no hero in bright armor, no y served with fiction sauce The Mountains Are Mine" is mple story of humble people, t is simply and finely told." es on display at Kolob Art & Co. BE. 1700).

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GOOD WELFARE RECORD

"During the past year," W. Aird Macdonald, Northern California Regional Chairman, said at the October 1946, Oakland Stake Conference, "Oakland Stake has sent the following commodities to the Central Storehouse at Salt Lake City:

"144 dozen cartons Welfare tooth powder ..... $ 361.20
"363 boxes clothing for Europe 2359.50
"180 cases foodstuffs 1137.60
"224 cartons clothing (Primary)) ..... (Credit value not re'cd. yet)
"200 cases canned fruit ..... (Credit value not rec'd. yet)

"During this past year," continuer Elder Macdonald, "surplus goods sent to Salt Lake City from the Northern California Region has been given a "credit value" of over $15,000.00, and of this amount Oakland Stake has given over $6,000.00. We have approval for a storehouse with a canning center at Sacramento."

Gen. Conference Highlights on Welfare Work: President Smith, "We are not yet out of the woods. Greater sorrows are to come, and we need greater repentence on the part ofall U. S. citizens. Latterday Saints cannot escape a part of the calamities, but the Welfare Program is designed to help us to do this as far as possible."

We Need to Acquire Farms, Orchards, Gardens, Dairies, Poultry Yards

"We need to acquire the instruments of production, farms, orchards, gardens, dairies, and poultry yards," said President Hilton, "and to become as independent as possible as Stakes and regions, and not depend too much on getting things from other parts of the church. Excessive strikes could tie up transportation from Salt Lake City."

One Year's Supplies Ahead at Homes

It was again stressed that each family should have one year's supply on hand, and if we do not do that, we will see the time when the wisdom of this counsel will be apparent. Without the Ward Committee the whole Welfare Program will fail, and each Priesthood Quorum or Group should work as part of that Committee.

Bishop's Five Assignments

Elder Harold B. Lee outlined on the blackboard the five distinct assignments of the bishops: (1) Preside over the Aaronic Priesthood. (2) Spiritual father of the Ward. (3) To receive the tithes, fast offerings, etc. (4) Care for the needy. (5) Act as common judge in Israel. How to organize his Ward and carry on these five assignments was outlined in detaill.

Three Tests of Success in Welfare Work

Elder Lee mentioned three tests of Welfare success: (1) Meetings. (2) Storehouse. (3) Assigned projects.

Five Assets for Solving A Person's Welfare Problems

(1) The individual assets. (2) His or her relatives. (3) Bishop's storehouse. (4) Fast offerings. (5) Relief Society. (6) Priesthood Quorums. The function of each was graphically presented by Elder Lee.

Welfare Plan is Religion in Action

Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve declared that the Welfare Plan is religion in a practical way. It is human service founded on the principles of true revealed religion. It was early revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith that the church should take cognizance of the ills and misfortunes of our brothers and sisters. Elder Lee gave one or two illustrations. In one Stake during the depression the farmers did not have enough hay to feed dairy cattle due to a drough, but the Welfare program relieved the situation. In another Stake a brother had his home burned down and was without insurance. From Tuesday until Saturday his Quorum of Seventy worked and had his house up and ready for the painter. The brother was thus saved financially. He was able to pay back the costs in 15 months' time. Bishops are the sole judges of the needs of their people and how to help them. There are no long church forms and reams of red tape to fill out and go through. Action is direct and prompt, when the Welfare Program is running as it is intended.

Corning Branch News

The family of Lee A. Morris have moved to Provo, Utah where two of the girls are attending the Brigham Young University.

For years people came from all the surrounding towns to Corning to church. Then, as each town grew, they formed their own branches, until it seemed that Corning would be no more. However, we can now proudly boast of some 80 members. "Mormons come and Mormons go, but the Corning Branch goes on forever."

Real Artists

Concert artistry of the highest order held a large audience spellbound and thoroughly surprised in the Berkeley Chapel October 24.

The artists were Emmy Stam, possessor of an operatic soprano voice, rich and mellow, and 15-year old Rollin Jensen, master of the piano, both of Alameda Ward, and presented by that Ward for the benefit of their building fund.

The crowded columns of this issue of the Messenger alone prevent a whole ream of supurlatives descriptive of these glorious renditions. Many who went to the concert out of a sense of duty, came away feeling a thousand times repaid and uplifted. Rollin, who amazed everyone, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell K. Jensen, former bishop of Alameda Ward. Mrs. Jensen was the polished accompanist of the evening.

SO. CALIF. NEWS

Paul Bailey, noted L.D.S. author, has just returned to Southern California from a number of excursions into the Indian country of Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico, travelling the trails of Jacob Hamlin, and the Mormon stalwarts, and soaking up history, tribal lore, customs of the Lamanites. Out of it all, I am confident, should come a pretty good book or two.

Paul Bailey's books are "Type High," "For This My Glory," "Sam Brannon & the Californian Mormons," "The Gay Saint," "Song Everlasting," and a bloodcurdler, "Deliver Me From Eva."

Bishop Fred S. Hatch of El Monte Ward, leader in Deseret Industries in So. Calif., has been appointed by the General Welfare Committee in S.L.C. as an ex-officio committeeman of the Deseret Industries on the General Welfare Board.

Descendents of President John Taylor living in the Southland held a reunion November 1. Frank Y. Taylor, President of the family society, came down from Salt Lake to be in attendance.

Southern California is organizing a chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. John F. Howells, Jr. of the Holywood Ward Bishropic journeyed to Salt Lake City to confer with President Wendell J. Ashton of the SUP. Meetings will be in the form of a luncheon club. An organization was perfected October 28.

Elizabeth Cannon Porter of So. Calif. is the author of "Cortez the Conquerer" one of the books on the special reading lists for M.I.A.

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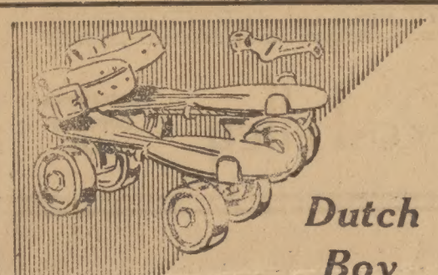

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Doctrinal Sermon Needed

Elder Harold B. Lee told the story of a Methodist friend who had been attending our services for some time, and when asked what she thought of our church, surprised everyone by saying "I didn't see any difference between what your elders and our Methodist pastors preach. I have never heard your doctrine preached yet."

We need sermons on 'Mormon' doctrine.

"One must be properly fed spiritually or he or she becomes weak in the spirit and spiritually dead."

Elder Lee told the story of the L.D.S. father who had neglected to teach his family to observe the Fast Day. During the war this father was one Sunday walking in his fields when he received a premonition of danger to his son in the service. He hurriedly returned to the house and called his family and told them to fast and pray for Jim, their brother. Later the Red Cross told him that Jim had met a booby trap that had killed his buddies that he was hovering between life and death. But he lived and returned to his family again. The premonition and Jim's dangerous experience were found later to coincide to the very hour.

The Man Who Wrote "Oh, say what is true"

After the audience had sung the hymn, "Oh, Say What Is Truth", by John Jacques, Elder Clifford Young, assistant to the Twelve Apostles, told the story of the man who wrote that world-famous hymn. "He lived in my Ward," said Elder Young," and I recall the joy and happiness with which we listened when he bore his testimony. He had been a member of the Church of England and in joining the L.D.S. Church he had given up all that was near and dear to him. He had crossed the ocean and had come to Winter Quarters to cross the plains, but had no horses, mules nor cattle. These had gone on before. And so John Jacques got a handcart and made the trek in that ill-fated handcard company that was caught in the early winter snow in Wyoming. Many of the party died, but the Jacques family came through. He walked every step of the way from the Missouri River to Utah and had but little food and clothing. But no matter what the difficulties they made no difference with his faith.

Elder Young added that his own grandparents were of that period, Pennsylvanian "Dutchmen." When the grandfather hesitated about uundertaking the thousand mile trek across the barren plains the grandmother replied in the old style: "Thee may go back, but I am going on." And on they came with their two boys. "Such sacrifices have made the church what it is today," concluded Elder Young.

Berkeley Ward News

The M.I.A. extends an invitation to all members of the Ward to attend their Ward Harvest Ball on Nov. 16th. The dance is informal and there will be a good orchestra.

On Nov. 3rd, the Berkeley Ward Relief Society held its conference. The representative from the State was Pres. Louise Knight. Special numbers were; a reading by Sister Fern McCoard and selections by the Singing Mothers.

About 40 members from Berkeley and East Richmond Wards and Walnut Creek Branch joined efforts in canning tomatoes, Oct. 22nd and 23rd. This is part of the Stake project and nearly 1,000 cans were added to the Stake reserves.

The Elders Quorum did a spic and span job on Friday and Saturday, October 25th and 26th in renovating the Amusement Hall.

Members of the Bishopbric who were at conference bring back "hellos" and "best wishes" from the Southgates and Barbara Green, Gwen Sparks, Laura Summerhayes, Carolyn Johnson, Dona Drage, Cleo Johnson, Carol Dunham and Gwynn Barrett who are attending universities in Utah.

The Girls of the Genealogical group are still thrilled about their excursion to the Salt Lake Temple last Sept. and are busy making plans for their next trip. To start on the way towards their financial gains the girls gave a live-wire Hallowe'en party at one of the members' homes. The girls are also busy along the more serious side of their studies and are working mainly on their family group sheets and pedigree charts. Again they invite all girls between 15 and 20 to join them in their research.

Nearly all the auxiliaries celebrated Hallowe'en this year with the M.I.A. and Primary having spook festivals.

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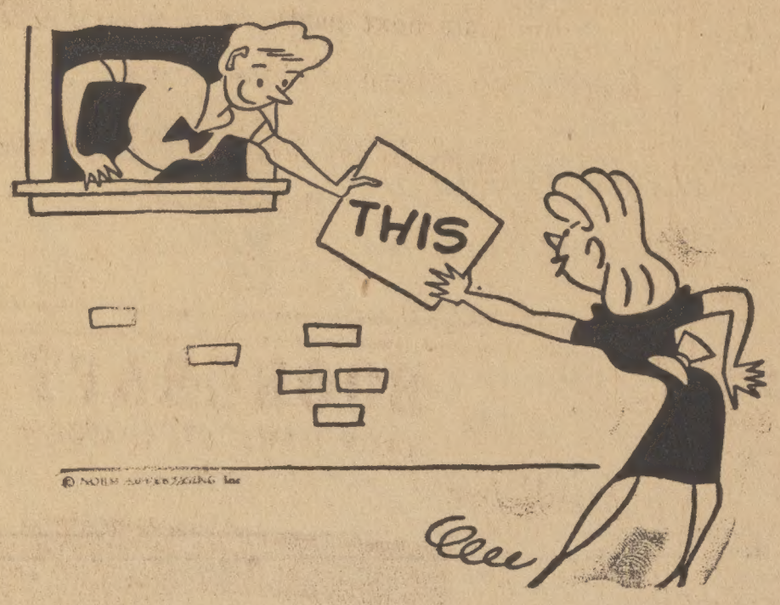

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Boy autoist, Curtis L. Hawks, Jr., 16, ran down and killed three L.D.S. women who were on their way to Maxwell Park Ward services Sunday evening, October 27, 1946. The three were (left to right) Emma Williams, and her daughter, Emma Jenkins, who was here on a visit from Idaho, and Jessie Booth, worker in S.S. and Relief Society. "I wish I'd never learned to drive a car," said young Hawks afterwards. "Those poor women! I wonder if they were hurt much before they died. I hope this will teach other kids not to speed so fast."

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Martinez Ward News

Sunday School

The Martinez Ward Sunday School reports that the congregation is steadily coming back to normal after the Summer Holidays.

Mrs. Elberta Carter was baptized into the Church on the 2nd of this month in Oakland and we wish to welcome her into the Ward as a member. Her husband, Frank, and her two daughters Jessie and Marjorie all wore happy smiles.

Relief Society

Relief Society Conference presented a good program. The party honoring Mothers also proved to be a success. Sister McIntire has done splendid work.

Sister Elsie Nix has been ill for several days. The entire Ward wish her a speedy recovery.

M. I. A.

The Halloween party held on the first of November was termed a success. This month continues Music Appreciation.

EAST RICHMOND WARD NEWS

Greetings and congratulations to our new Stake Presidency and Stake Board members. May our Heavenly Father bless you all in your glorious work.

The visiting teachers of the Relief Society spent Monday, Nov. 4, at the Exposition Grotto on Fishermans Wharf. A lovely dinner was enjoyed by all, including a big birthday cake for our President, Grace Hopkins. Many Happy Returns of the Day.

Patricia Umberger now fills the position of first counselor in the Primary Stake Presidency. Dorothy Knowlton retains her position as Stake Secretary to the Board.

June Beraz, Relief Society and Sunday School Chorister, broke her ankle but has been bravely carrying on her duties even on crutches. More power to you, June.

The Fireside group of the S. F. Ward joined the E. Richmond Ward group at the home of the Arthur Hopkins, where Bert and Joyce Levett and Chloe Reed were hosts. A very large crowd attended.

At Relief Society Conference Sunday, the 3rd, the Relief Society was reorganized with Mayble Myler as President, Sylvia Aiken and Darrlene Brown as counselors and Mildred Brown as Secretarry.

At a jolly Halloween Party given under the auspices of the M.I.A. everyone enjoyed a one-act play given by the Junior girls. Refreshments were served.

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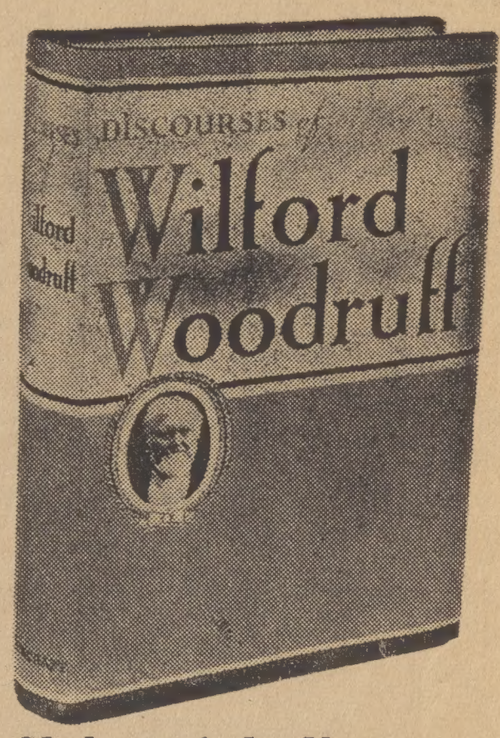

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Singing Mothers of Vallejo

Singing Mothers of Vallejo furnished all the music at both the morning and afternoon sessions of the Oakland Stake Conference, October 13, 1946, under the leadership of Almeda R. Nielsen and with Enola Wickersham at the organ. At the morning session was heard "Eye Hath Not Seen" from the Holy City by Gaul, solo, Sarah Neerings, and "Oh Morn of Beauty" by Sibelius; in the afternoon the Singing Mothers presented "The Holy City" by Adams, solo by Camille Rodrige, and "One World" by O'Hara-Bratton, solo by Irma Zundel.

Cleone Rogers Farewell Friday, November 8

Here is a record of devotion that inspires:

Cleone Rogers served as an Oakland Stake Missionary for three years. She followed this by becoming a full-time missionary in the Spanish-American Mission. On her return she supported her father on a 12-months' mission to the Central States, and now on Friday, November 8, 1946, Cleone is being given a farewell upon her departure for the Mexican Mission.

We surmise that this farewell Friday, November 8, in the Berkeley Ward Chapel for Cleone Rogers will set a near all-time high in attendance. The Thomas Rogers family of Claremont Ward came to the East Bay region and have been devoted builders of the Church every day since. All honor to Thomas and Anna Rogers, and to Cleone Rogers, humble, zealous missionary for the Christ. The good Lord surely will be with and bless her day by day. All honor also to Claremont, banner ward among our East Bay Stakes in the number of full time missionaries.

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Claremont Ward

All members in the Relief Society are working with unusual zeal in preparation for their annual bazaar to be held December 6 at the Berkeley Ward. A "Bazaar Shower" will be given as a preliminary to the bazaar at the home of Eva Harker, 647 Aileen Street, November 15. All ladies in the Ward are invited to come and bring their bazaar contributions.

We regret to announce that the Heber Browns have transfered to the Oakland Ward, the Andy Gardners have moved to the Berkeley Ward and the Pratt Greers are leaving for Arizona upon his release from the Army.

The Claremont Gleaners enjoyed an evening of comradery Friday, October 25, at June Nielson's home. The program of the evening was effectively presented against a background of open fireplace and candle light.

Cleone Rogers Stahley leaves in a couple of weeks for her second misssion. This time it's Mexico. A farewell party in her honor will be held November 8 at the Berkeley Ward.

Tuesday, October 29, was the night the Mutual entertained the Ward with a Halloween Party. Spooks hovered everywhere and there were witches to tell fortunes plus fun games and tasty refreshments.

We were especially pleased Sunday evening to have President Harmon speak to us. The spirit of the meeting was enhanced by the playing of a string trio from the Berkeley Ward.

The Relief Society gave a party Thursday, October 31, for the outgoing officers of last year.

Pittsburg Ward News

The beets are on again! That is, "Our MGS" have started their welfare project, that of planting, raising, and canning red table beets. The weather is cold, the flesh is weak, but the spirits are willing and the beets will be grown.

Speaking of "our MGS", at a recent fireside gathering in Bishop Kirby's home, President Emery R. Ranker was the guest speaker. His remarks centered around the problems confronting young people of marriageable age. Also he spoke of schooling our minds to direct our actions. Films were shown of historic Mormon scenes by President Kenneth M. Lewis of the Pittsburg District Misssion.

Pittsburg is proud to announce the selection of Emma Hinckley for the Stake Relief Society Board. She will be in charge of the Relief Society Magazine. Our congratulations to Mrs. Hinckley.

The M.I.A. open night was spent in various ways with the majority holding parties. The Scouts, M-Men and Gleaners held a theatre party.

The Pittsburg Community Church was the scene of the lovely wedding of Virginia Scott and Arthur Swanson. They were married on the 27th of October with a reception immediately following. They will live in Kansas City, the home of the groom.

The Legion Hall in Pittsburg was turned into a combination spook house and dance hall as all of Pittsburg's hob-gobblins joined to make a very successful Halloween party on the 30th of the month. Costumes added color and everyone agreed it was another of Pittsburg's consistently good parties.

Oakland Stake Roster

High Priests—Vinal Mauss, President.
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Y.M.M.I.A. — Glen C. Shaw, Superintendent.
Y.W.M.I.A.—Zellnora Evans, President.
Primary — Gertrude Lesser, President.
Girls' Com.—LaPriel Moody, Chairman.

Walnut Creek

A Halloween Party was held at the Walnut Creek Branch Wednesday, Nov. 30. Although it was a day ahead of time, witches and ghosts galore were present. The spook alley put everyone in a Halloween mood.

A Relief Society Halloween celebration was held at the home of Sister Leona Dalby.

We are proud that our Margaret Openshaw has been chosen Primary historian of the new Berkeley Stake.

The women of the Branch spent a day at the Welfare house canning tomatoes. Not to be out-done, the Aaronic Priesthood visited the Welfare house and labeled all the cans.

Our sympathy is extended to two of our members: Superintendent Lloyd Johnson, on the death of his Grandfather, and Dewey Williams, who was called to St. Louis to attend the funeral of her sister.

The Life of Historian Bancroft

"I studied the Mormons at Salt Lake City, the Hudson Bay people in British Columbia, and the early Oregon pioneers by their jubilee camp fires." Bancroft produced a record of historians' effort in his 39-volume history of Western No. America. When he died at his Walnut Creek home in 1918 at the age of 86 it was international news.

At the age of 40 Bancroft had never written a book. Born on an Ohio farm, but disliking farm life, he became a clerk in his brother-in-law's bookstore in Buffalo, N. Y. in 1848, then not quite 20, Bancroft was sent to San Francisco to sell books, returned to the East, but came again to California a few years later, tried mining, merchandising, and ,finally opened a book store in San Francisco and soon began to collect books on Western history and to send copyists to Mexican, Alaskan, Russian and many other archives. He himself travelled thousands of miles in his feverish quest for the story of the past in Western America.

After ten years of this effort, he settled down at a desk to begin writing history.

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Bancroft Library at the University of California is named in his honor. His life has just been written by Franklin Walked in San Francisco's Literary Frontier.

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4th Quorum Elders—E. M. Gleason, President.
Stake Mission—W. Paul Summerhays, President.
Relief Society—Louise Ogden Knight, President.
Sunday School—Richard W. Owens, Superintendent.
Y.M.M.I.A.—C. Hampton Price, Superintendent.
Y.L.M.I.A.—Margaret Fife, President.
Primary—Annetta Wood, President.
Girls' Com.—La Real Eyring, Chairman.
Napa Bishop—Reed Keller.

Young Folk's News

—Armand Mauss

Greetings, everybody for the young folks of Oakland Ward.

The first thing on the list today is Oakland Ward's M-Men. Have Oakland Ward's M-Men got a good basketball team this year! Bob Weir, the coach, is really doing a good job of getting our boys in shape. You other wards better put up some real competition.

Our Fireside Chat Class elected officers October 29th, as follows: Roy Richter-Pres; Thelda Baker-Vice-Pres; Armand Mauss-Sec; Dick Smith- Chorister; and Peggy Mauss-Organist. Our teacher, Sister Myrtle Simons really keeps us interested.

Syd Henry was ordained a Priest on Oct. 20. Our Scout troop is getting bigger every week. They plan to take an overnight hike in the next two weeks.

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